

AN ORDINANCE BY

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 138, ARTICLE I, SECTION ---, CITY OF ATLANTA, TO REQUIRE THAT ALL FOR PROFIT AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, THAT APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE CITY OF ATLANTA FOR ACTIVITIES INVOLVING DIRECT CONTACT WITH CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16, PERFORM CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS OF ALL EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS TO ASSURE THAT THOSE INVOLVED IN CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN IS NOT A PARTICIPANT IN SUCH PROGRAMS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is continually concerned about the safety and well-being of our children; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta encourages the participation of those interested in enhancing and improving the lives of children; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta does not want to encourage or associate with organizations that may inadvertently enlist the participation of those who have been guilty of committing crimes such as rape, molestation, or abuse of any kind against children under the age of sixteen; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is responsible for the health, safety and welfare of all its citizens, particularly the most vulnerable – the children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1.

To amend the Code of Ordinances, Section ---, of the City of Atlanta to provide the following:

That all for profit and non-profit organizations, that apply for and receive funding from the City of Atlanta for activities involving direct contact with children under the age of 16, perform criminal background checks of all employees and volunteers to assure that those involved in crimes against children are not participants in such programs

SECTION 2

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.